

NORMAL SCHOOL.

The report of Prof. Selby, principal of the normal school, to the board of regents which was in session here last week ought to make every resident of this city proud of the institution which was opened here less than four months ago. At the opening of the school in September there were less than forty pupils in attendance and the report made last week shows that there were, at that time, over sixty pupils enrolled and enough more have signified their intention of coming next term so that the enrollment at the commencement of the next session will be over seventy or about double the number of pupils in the school when the term opened in September.

A glance at the report will show that most of the pupils in the school are well advanced and they are all making satisfactory progress in their studies. The present quarters are too small, but it will be only a few weeks until the rooms on the lower floor of the new building will be finished, when there will be room enough for the present needs of the school.

For some weeks after the election last month the republican politicians of the territory claimed both branches of the territorial legislature. Some weeks ago they virtually gave up the idea of organizing the council and later they began to have fears that they would not be able to organize the house. Then the republican organs began to cry fraud and one of them, the Albuquerque Citizen, seeing the hopelessness of the case, proposed that the house should be organized on a compromise basis, but this proposition was received on all sides with so much ridicule that the editorial utterances of the paper for several days were somewhat guarded, a most unusual thing for the Citizen. According to the latest reports from the northern part of the territory there is very little doubt about the democrats being able to organize both branches of the legislature. Had the republicans been able to secure control of the council the plan was to handicap the governor in every possible way, even to refuse to confirm his appointments and if it should be thought desirable by the republican leaders to go still farther, a plan had been formulated by which, after having secured two-thirds of both houses by unseating members, the legislature would virtually have usurped the powers and functions of the governor. Fortunately, they will not be able to do this. Their claims as to having carried the legislature were groundless, and a week hence the republicans in the legislature will discover that they are powerless to carry into effect the plans of some of the republican leaders.

LAS VEGAS has been particularly unfortunate in the attempt to secure a suitable site for the normal school to be located at that place. After several attempts had been made to secure a suitable tract of land to which a perfect title could be given, it was thought that a tract of the required size had been deeded to the regents. Plans and specifications were drawn and a contract for the erection of the building was ready when one of the members of the board of regents expressed his determination not to sign the contract on the ground that the title to the land was not perfect and that he would not be justified in signing a contract for the erection of a building on a tract of land over the title to which there might be some dispute. He maintained that the law was plain on the point and refused to sign the contract. His action prevents anything more being done until another site shall have been selected, the title to which is perfect.

SINCE Max Frost laid down his editorial quill the republican editors of the territory have had no man of brains to lead them and map out a policy for the republican papers of New Mexico; their plans of battle have been wild and visionary and the course of the republican press has been full of inconsistencies. Kistler, of the Optic, has offered the republican papers good advice at different times, but they were not ready to follow his leadership and the result is that some of the republican editors are the subjects of much merriment among the politicians.

The republican newspapers of the territory are working for statehood with a will as will be seen by the following item from the Santa Fe Republican:

The republican newspapers in New Mexico can defeat statehood and the adoption of a state constitution, even should the democratic official ring and all other powers of darkness work and vote for these measures. A majority of 10,000 votes can and will be rolled against the constitution at the proper time if the democratic official ring succeeds in undoing the will of the people as expressed at the last election.

Another bond issue is already being talked about. At the rate gold is leaving the treasury, the gold reserve will be down to a lower point than it has ever been before before the end of next month. The necessity for the passage of a silver bill is more apparent than ever.

GOVERNOR THORNTON did good work for statehood while he was in Washington. He believes in statehood for New Mexico and is doing all he can to bring it about.

A HAPPY NEW Year to all the readers of THE EAGLE.

J. M. Wallace and H. L. Dotson spent Christmas in this city.

Miss Lou Conway has been quite ill for a number of days past.

R. P. Hart came over from Lordsburg to spend Christmas in the county metropolis.

T. F. Farnsworth and wife were here from Hudson to spend Christmas with their children.

A good many people from the surrounding country were in town yesterday to spend Christmas.

THE EAGLE acknowledges the receipt of a handsome Christmas card from O. C. Hinman, the furniture dealer.

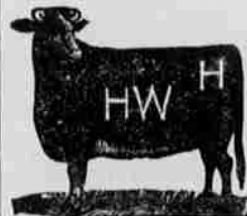
The weather was a little chilly yesterday but otherwise it was everything that could be desired for Christmas.

Mrs. Ed. Elrage was in from the Mangas this week and attended the dance at Morrill hall on Monday evening.

The Silver Social club gave a grand ball last evening. The members of the club made every effort to have the ball a grand success and their fondest hopes were realized.

The editor of THE EAGLE was presented with a handsome pin by Postmaster Skelly who has a good idea of the eternal fitness of things. The pin represents a spread eagle; a very appropriate Christmas present for the editor of THE EAGLE.

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